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SUBJ: THEODORAKIS SPURNS POLITICS

1. MIKIS THEODORAKIS, FORMER LEADER OF LEFTIST LAMBRAKIS YOUTH AND ANTI-JUNTA RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, PATRIOTIC ANTI DICTATORIAL FRONT (PAM). AND FAMED COMPOSER, HAS RENOUNCED POLITICS AGAIN. FOLLOWING HIS UNANNOUNCED RETURN TO GREECE EARLY AUGUST AND CONFUSED SPECULATION ON HIS POLITICAL INTENTIONS INCLUDING HIS ALLEGEDLY FOUNDING A NEW LEFTIST MOVEMENT WHICH PROVED FALSE, THEODORAKIS ON SEPT 12 EXPRESSED HIS DISDAIN FOR LEFTIST POLITICAL MACHINATIONS AND HIS ABSTENTION IN FUTURE FROM SUCH "HYPOCRITICAL PROCEDURES."

2. THEODORAKIS DISCLOSED HIS DISILLUSIONMENT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM PARIS WITH CORRESPONDENT FROM ATHENS DAILY TO VIMA. HE REGRETTED CARAMANLIS' NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT DID NOT INCLUDE PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL FORCES BUT ADDED UNFORTUNATELY THESE FORCES HAVE REVEALED THEIR ONLY INTEREST IS IN PURSUING NARROW PARTISAN OBJECTIVES RESULTING IN FRACTIONALIZATION OF LEFT. THEODORAKIS CRITICIZED NEW POLITICAL SITUATION AS A "REBAPTISM" OF TRADITIONAL POLITICAL FORCES WHICH COULD REPRESENT PERSONAL WHOM HE PRAISED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TOWARD NATIONAL POLITICAL

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REVIVAL. TRAGEDY FOR CARAMANLIS. HE ACCUSED LEFTIST LEADERS OF

SYSTEMATICALLY CREATING RIFTS IN PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL FORCES
THEODORAKIS CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR GREECE
IF THE PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY NATION'S YOUTH, WERE MISLED BY THIS
"FRAUDULENT POLITICAL GAME." "HOWEVER, I REFUSE TO TAKE
PART IN SUCH HYPOCRITICAL AND DISHONEST PROCEDURES AND I AM SURE
THAT TIME WILL PROVE ME RIGHT." TO VIMA ADDED THAT EARLIER
SPECULATION ON THEODORAKIS' POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WAS WISHFUL
THINKING, HOWEVER, THEODORAKIS WAS CONFIDENT THAT A NEW
WAVE OF FUTURE "LAMBRAKIDES" WOULD APPEAR.

3. COMMENT: OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL EXILES AND RESISTANCE
LEADERS WHO RETURNED TO GREECE SINCE JULY 23, THEODORAKIS
SETS RECORD FOR QUICKEST IN AND QUICKEST OUT. THEODORAKIS
IS ABOVE ALL A MUSICIAN AND POLITICAL IDEALIST WITHOUT STAMINA
NEEDED IN GREEK POLITICAL INFIGHTING. ATHENS TWO COMMUNIST
DAILIES AVGHI (EDA), AND NEA ELLADA (KKE-EXTERIOR) ARE
ACTIVELY VYING FOR LEFTIST READERSHIP AND ILIAS ILIOU'S
APPEALS FOR LEFTIST/COMMUNIST UNITY UNDER THE BANNER OF
EDA ALSO STILL REMAIN ONLY WISHFUL THINKING.
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